# MENLO PARK RECORDER

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## Supervisors Oppose The Spaulding Bill

Assemblyman-elect Harry Parkman and State Senator M. B. Johnson were present at the meeting of the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County last Monday and took up the matter of the Spaulding Bill which Palo Alto is endeavoring to have written into the statute books of the State of California as a law when the Legislature convenes at Sacramento next month, which will enable that city to annex certain portions of the territory of this ocunty.

Senator Johnson explained the details in connection with the passage of this bill at the last session, showing how it was introduced in the Assembly and went through both houses without a single protest , being finally vetoed by Governor Richardson. He advised that if a fight is to be made against the passage of the new bill that it be made in the Assembly, where it will probably be introduced, as it will be difficult, he stated to head the bill off once it gets into the Senate.

Assemblyman Parkman pledged the board that he would work for every thing in the interest of the county and he asked the boad to submit to him in writing whatever suggestions or recommendations the members may have , particularly in connection with the proposed Palo Alto annexation project.

Mrs. Kneese, county clerk, was directed to send the necessary communications and information to the two representatives when the Legislature opens.

On motion of Supervisor Hickey, the board voted its thanks to Senator Johnson and Assemblyman Parkman for their interests and pledges of assistance in defeating this bill.

The supervisors are strongly opposed to the Spaulding Bill and its provisions and have determined to put up a stiff opposition to its passage.

A resolution was adopted by the board ordering the chairman to sell at public auction in front of the court house in Redwood City, a piece of property owned by the county in the Merrill subdivision in Menlo Park and formerly used as a corporation yard for the Third Township.

A petition signed by W. J. Murray and approximately 100 other business men and residents of Menlo Park was received by the board protesting the proposed establishment of a riding academy and the keeping of horses on the property formerly occupied by the T. N. T. Hall on Live Oak avenue in Menlo Park.

The board directed the clerk to write to the owners of the academy and inform them that the keeping of horses in the residential section of the town will be considered a public nuisance and that steps will be taken by the board to prevent the maintenance of the academy if the owners persist in keeping the horses on the premises.

The board allowed the installation of one additional light on Partridge Road in the Menlo Park Lighting District, in response to a petition filed at the last meeting.

A petition signed by Ernest Falk and other members of the North Fair Oaks Improveemnt Club was reecived asking for the installation of additional lights on the Middlefield Road section of the Menlo Park Lighting District. The petition was referred to Supervisor John MacBain.

County Milk Inspector J. J. Garland submitted his report for the month of November, covering the activities of his office showing that he had collected the sum of $291.14 in fees. He explained that a neffort is now being made to have all the municipalities in the county adopt a uniform milk ordinance.

County Surveyor Kneese presented maps of four new subdivisions in the county, as follows:

Menalto Park No. 2, at Atherton; Ravenswood Villas on Bay Road at Ravenswood; Bayshore Park, which is part of Newbridge Park in the vicinity of the Duumbarton bridge and Resubdivision of Lots 7 and 8, block D, Valpariso Park No. 5.

Resolutions approving the four naps were adopted by the board.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MET LAST MONDAY NIGHT

Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce held a special meeting last Monday night for the purpose of discussing the Spaulding Bill.

In the course of the meeting an argument arose between two members of the Ravenswood Chamber who were present as to the merits of the bill and Palo Alto's motives for favoring the bill.

The Ravenswood representatives pointed out that the bills were merely enabling acts which could not force annexation, and that they were not conceived with any special intent in regard to Menlo Park.

The members of the Menlo Park Chamber could not be convinced that the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce would go to the trouble of mixing in the matter, and probably spending a goodly sum of money to get the bill passed if they did not want something. There can be no doubt but that Palo Alto is very desirous of annexing some of the territory in this county or she would not want this bill to become a law.

The Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce will leading in a finish fight on the Spaulding bill and hope to secure its defeat.

### BOY SCOUT ENTERTAINMENT POSTPONED TO JANUARY 3

It has been found necessary to postpone the Boy Scout entertainment from December 27th to January third owing to the fact that thewe are some many things to claim the attention of every one during the coming week.

An enthusiasctl meeting was held round the stove in the Recorder office last Tuesday night and a regular camp fire session was held.

The formation of an orchestra was discussed at length and it was finally determined to organize on the first of the year. George Aabel will officiate at the piano and Joseph Brown and Edward Keenan will be the violinists, George Barron will handle the drums and traps. Two or three of the other boys are discussing the matter of getting cornets and trombones. Scoutmaster L. E. Harris will direct the orchestra and give instructions of the brass intsruments free of charge to those taking them up.

There was also quite a discussion in regard to the organizing of a brass band and this may be taken up at some time in the near future.

As soon as the rains are over it is the intention of the Troop officials and boys to go ahead with the building of their Scout Hall.

The complete program for the entertainment will be published next week.

### MENLO PARK NOW HAS A VILLAGE SHOP

F. Wheeler has opened up "The Village Shop" in the store building formerly occupied by the Bear Gulch Water Company on the highway next to the Star Grocerteria. He is now ready to accomodate the residents of the community by attending to their needs in all lines of repairing.

Mr. Wheeler is a manufacturing watchmaker and jeweler, having learned his trade in the old days when it was required that a man learn all of the various lines that go with the business. His line includes watch, clock and noverty repairing, locksmithing and key fitting, grinding, saw filing, and light general repairing. All work is guaranteed and the prices are right.

### TRADE AT HOME AND SAVE MONEY FOR YOUR GIFTS

**With all of the local merchants showing a line of gifts and supplies for the holidays there is no need of going out of town to do your shopping. In this way you will save the car or bus fare and in this way purchase more. Give the local merchants a chance to enjoy Christmas by keeping your money at home.**

## THE OBSERVER

**Written exclusively for the Recorder**

Owing the fact that the Christmas holidays are here I have not had much time to observe the needs of the city but there are one or twe things that come to my mind that I will speak of:

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I would like to compliemnt the merchants of Menlo Park on their fine holiday decorations and the stock of goods that they have carried for the festal occosion. They deserve the local trade and should have it. There is no need of going out of town to purchase goods when they can be secured at home. The only reason I can give for the patronage going elsewhere is that ouur local merchants do not advertise their goods at home, although I notice that some of them carry large advertisements in outside newspapers.

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I have heard a great deal of comment on the new school that is to be built in Stanford Park. An outside man has the contract for the work and I am told that all of the material will be purchased outside of Menlo Park and that all of the labor will be imported. According all rules of fairness local labor should be used whenever possible. The people of Menlo Park are paying for this new school building in taxes, and should have the jobs if there are any. In this way the money remains at home and not alone of the local carpenters and others secure a salary from the job but the local merchants also derive a share because the money will be spent in Menlo Park. A protest against the employment of outside labor instead of local mechanics should at once be sent to the school trustees in order that local taxpayers may receive what is coming to them.

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The following editorial appeared in the Palo Alto Times of last Wednesday::

**WHY NOT INCORPORATE?**

**Menlo Park Has Town Conditions and Town Problems But No Town Organization For Handling Its Public Affairs**

Residents of Menlo Park have protested to the San Mateo county supervisors against the threatened plan of the TNT Dancing Academy to establish stables in the town for riding horses. The residents contended, and the supervisors agreed, that the stabling of horses on a narrow lot in a residential section would be a public nuisance.

This incident is but one of many indicating the need of incorporating Menlo Park so that it can have a town government of its own. If Menlo Park were an incorporated municipality it could frame its own laws, establish zoning restrictions protecting itself effectively against threatened or existing nuisances, and otherwise derive benefits that are now impossible. As conditions stand, Menlo Park has all the conditions and problems of a town, but none of the required means for solving them.

The question of incorporation of Menlo Park is a matter on which all the forces of that community could well afford to unite and concentrate.

If the incorporation of Menlo Park is so obviously necessary that the Palo Alto Times can see it and afford to devote space in its valuable editorial columns to the matter, why is it that our lcoal residents are so short sighted that they cannot see it also?

The time h asarrived when all differences, personal and otherwise, should be laid aside and the matter of incorporation taken up and carried a successful conclusion. Menlo Park will never get any where as she is. She is one of the oldest towns on the peninsula and the only one not incorporated.

True enough she only missed being a city by 15 votes. Why not try it again and lay aside all but civil pride and loyalty and make her the pride of the Peninsula, with her fine climate and beautiful scenery.

Again I say, if the Palo Alto Times sees the necessity for us to incorporate os plainly, why do we not see it? Have we eyes and see not? Let's think it over and get busy!

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHRISTMAS PARTY SUCCESS

The Christmas Party given by the local Chamber of Commerce for the kiddies at the New Menlo Theater was an occasion that will be remembered by the youngsters for a long time to come. The house was full and a squad of Boy Scouts from Menlo Park Troop, No. 107, were on had to assist E. E. Quayle in keeping order.

Under the able direction of Mr. Quayle a fine run of pictuures were secured and to say that they were enjoyed would be putting it in a very mild form.

The Chamber of Commerce and Mr Quayle are entitled to muuch credit of their efforts and have won a vote of thanks from the children of Menlo Park.

### JAMES R. KINGSTON PASSES AWAY AT AGE OF 81 YEARS

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the parlors of the James Crowe Company, Redwood City, for James R. Kingston, pioneer La Honda rancher, who passed away at the Community Hospital at Beresford last Friday following a stroke of paralyiss. Kingston had been a resident of La Honda for over 40 years and was well known, to the early residents of Menlo Park. He was a native of England and was 81 year old. He was unmarried.

The funueral services were conduucted by Rev. Ralph Smith of the Trinity Episcopal Church of Menlo Park. Interment was in Union Cemetery, Redwood iCty.

The Menlo Park Branch of the Mercantilee Trust Company will b closed Saturday (Christmas day).

### STUDENTS LEAVE MENLO FOR HOLIDAYS AT HOME

It is reported that the students of the following schools, located in Menlo Park, have departed, to spend the holidays at the homes of their parents::

West Coast Military Academy boys have left for various parts of the state.

A large number of the students of the St. Patricks Seminary left for Portland and Los Angeles.

A number of students of the Convent have gone to Los Angeles.

Students from the Menlo School have gone to Chicago, Ogden, Salt Lake and Los Angeles.

### POLICE SEARCH FOR AGED MAN

The police force of the entire peninsula were co-operating today in a wide search for Frank Odell, 75, who left his home, 714 Farrington lane, Burlingame, Monday morning intending to take only a short walk.

Odell is described as five feet seven inches tall, of medium build, with a gray mustache. He wore a brown soft hat, short coat, blue sweater, dark trousers and a white shirt with blue stripes.

### RAINFALL FAR GREATER TO DATE THAN LAST YEAR

According to the report of Joseph Veverka, who keeps the rain maker's records for Menlo Park there have been about four inches more rain to date this year than last.

The fall for the last rain was .35 of an inch which added to the 6.25 of previous storms brought the total to 6.60 as aginst 2.85 for last year at this time.

## Fine Xmas Program at Presbyterian Church

The Christmas Pageant given by the Presbyterian young people last night was an elaborite affair, requiring abouut thirty in the cast.

The church was decorated very profusely with green boughs and the lighting effects were very pretty. A special feature was the presentation of an old Christmas Carol, "Watchman Tell Us of the Night," with echo-cornets and then sung antiphonally by a group of young men, one of them singing from a tower. Twelve girls in beautiful robes represented the angel choir and other young people represented the shepherds and wisemen and the inhabitants of Bethlehem. The purpose was to present the whole Christmas story in pageant and sonk.

The program follows:

Processional, Junuior and Primary Departments.

Chimes, instrumental, played by Eugene Bone.

Hymn, by the Juniors.

Projhesy and Prayer, Rev. W. L. Bone.

Song, "Away in a Manger," Primary Department.

Pageant, "The Light On Syrian Hills."

Prologue, "Everywhere, Everywhere, Christmas Tonight," Olive Malcolm.

Cornets, "Watchman, Tell Us of the night."

Same sung by chorus.

Leader, Call to Worship.

Episode No. 1, A Road Outside of Jerusalem, introducing a Hebrew family on Nativity Eve.

Episode No. 2, The Shepherds Keeping Watch by Night.

The Angel chorus.

Episode No. 3, The Nativity, Cradle Scene.

Solo, "There's a Song in the Air," Mrs. H. H. Bearce.

Chorus, "Silent Night, Holy Night."

Episode No. 4, The Adoration of the Magi.

Epilogue, The Adoration Hymn, "O Come Let Us Adore Him."

### IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS PARTY SET FOR THURSDAY NIGHT

Plans have been completed by the Christmas Party committee of the Improvement Association for their big annual celebration which is to be held in the Parish House on Thursday evening, December 30th. The hall will be appropriately decorated and a fine Christmas entertainment provided.

The party will be for the benefit of the members of the Association and their families, and the committee consisting of Miss Bertha Kuck and Harry J. Van Horne have left nothing undone that will make for the pleasure of those who are fortunate enough to attend.

About seventy-five boxes have been prepared for the kiddies, in addition to the other features of the program.

### POST OFFICE WILL BE OPEN CHRISTMAS MORNING

**Postmaster Barney Larrecou has announced that the Menlo Park Post Office will be open from 9 to 10 o'clock Saturday morning (Christmas Day) for the distribution of parcels only. No other business will be done on this day.**

**The postmaster and his assistants are entitled to a vote of thanks from the entire community for their action in this matter.**

### CHRISTMAS MAIL IS THE HEAVIEST IN EXPERIENCE

The Christmas mail arriving and leaving Menlo Park this year is reported to be the heaviest in the history of the town. It is reported that the mails arriving are about 50 per cent greater than at this repiod last year.

Joseph Veverka, local Southern Pacific agent, will spent Christmas with relatives and friends in Los Angeles.

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

As the Christmas season arrives this year it marks practically the end of our first year of close association with the people of Menlo Park. It has been a pleasant year for us and we feel that we have made many staunch friends.

At this time we desire to extend to every resident of the community and to its merchants and business men our sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous Ney Year.

It is our earnest desire to serve the community better in the year to come.

## THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

The many features associated with the holiday season are at hand, and there is apparent the usual bustling activity as the anniversary of the Nazarene's natal day approaches.

Christmastide has associated with it a peculair reverential atmosphere. To the Christian it again brings with poignant sweetness the oft-told story of the manger where the Christ-child received the adoration of the Wise Men who were lead thither by the bright star. Thus Jesus who has been designated "The Man of Sorrows" made His humble appearance in a world that sorely needed His ministrations. Even though many do not concede the Nazarene to be the "Son of God," His life may be studied and emulated with profit.

At this happy season there is much good work being accomplished among the unfortunates. Those who are in proverty will be provided for, orphans will be well supwith the things that make the child's heart happy; hospital wards will resound with the antics of those kindly members of the theatrical profession who give much of their time and effort for the benefit of shut-ins; and the hitherto drab interiors of penal institutions will be beautified by the gigantic tree all aglitter with myriad vari-colored lights. Thus gladening the hearts of others, the Christmas season reflects, to a degree at least, the works of the Way-Shower. His presence is seen in the kind and loving deeds of those who remember the unfortunate and who unselfishly contribute to the happiness of others, especially at this season. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethern, ye have done it unto me."

## EDITORIAL SPOTLIGHT

HIGH TYPE SERVICE.—American, Hattiesburg, Miss.

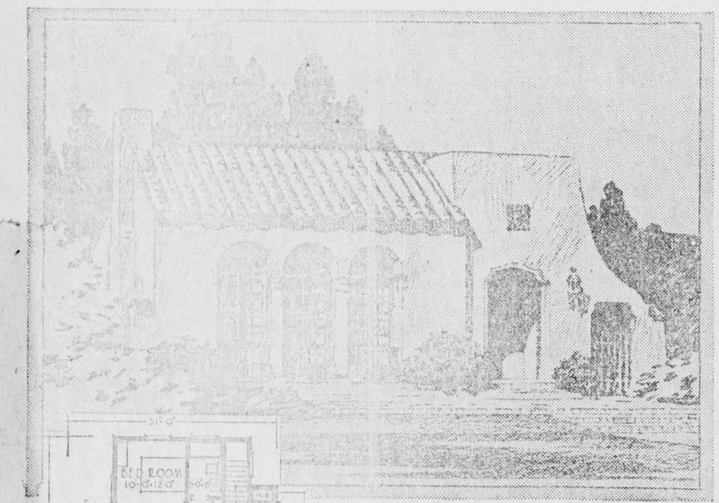
In his unique way Teddy Roosevelt used to talk of trusts as good and bad. In this day of trust multiplicity it is quite as pertinent to talk of good public utilities and bad ones. And among the most excellent and most needed public utilities is the present day telephone system, and the public generally recognize this to be true.

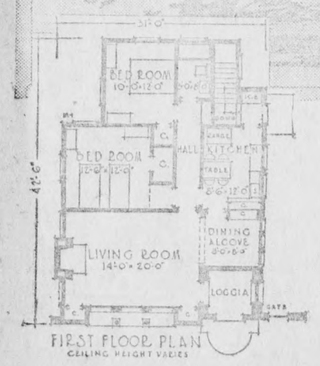
The telephone is only one of the many things that the modern American takes for granted. When he calls his friend or business acquaintance a dozen or more times daily and gets his call through in a flash, or when he puts in a long distance call and gets his party in a few minutes, he gives little thought to the inventive genius or the tremendous development which has made his service possible, and rarely thinks of the skill and the patience and forbearance of the faithful women and girls at the switchboards who are the final word in the quality of the service rendered.

Daily newspapers, as an instance, are dependent to a large extent on telephone service. Much of the press association service gets in over leased telephone wires. A great part of the news of the surrounding territory comes in by telephone. A newspaper without good telephone service would be completely at sea.

In practically every other business the same situation exists. Likewise, in nearly every home, the whole family has become dependent upon the telephone.

## Practical Four-Room Plan for That "Castle in Spain"






FLAGSTONE terracing, iron grille balconies and a quaint wrought iron lantern give distinction to this little old world one-story house. Rough plaster walls and a colorful tile roof make an attractive exterior that will find a welcome in any neighborhood.

But a carefully designed floor plan is its greatest appeal. One enters from the covered loggia directly into the large story and a half living-room, with its triple-arched windows reaching from the floor almost to the ceiling. The dining room alcove is conveniently located and well lighted. The kitchen has been deftly planned to give the housewife the greatest comfort and step-saving.

Everything about the house has been planned to give the utmost in stability and real home comfort. The walls and ceilings are insulated throughout with celotex to cut down the coal bills in winter and keep the house cool in the summer. Who could wish for a more beautiful little home.

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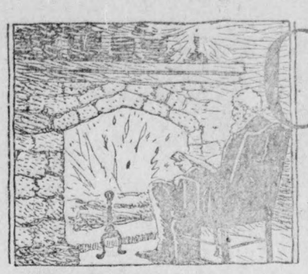

## Christmas Wraiths

by W. H. Pierre

THE yule log glows with a ruddy flare,
And there in the ingle nook,
In his broad-armed, cushioned old oak chair,
On his knees an open book,
The grandsire sits in the flickering light,
And far from the printed page his sight
Is centered again on bygone days
And other forms in the yule log's blaze.

THERE are children there, such a merry throng,
And the house rings with their glee
As they chatter and laugh in game and song,
Their young hearts fresh and free;
Kindred and friends surround the board
That is laden deep with its Christmas hoard,
And his heart beats fast and his eyes grow dim
As he peers at the face across from him.

FORGOTTEN the churchyard's silent aisles,
The rounded mounds and the flowers;
The Christmas wraiths bring but tender smiles
And remembrance of happy hours.
To live in the past is the gift of age,
And memory darkens the printed page.
Alone? God forbid! He is living again
In the lives and the loves of those who have been.

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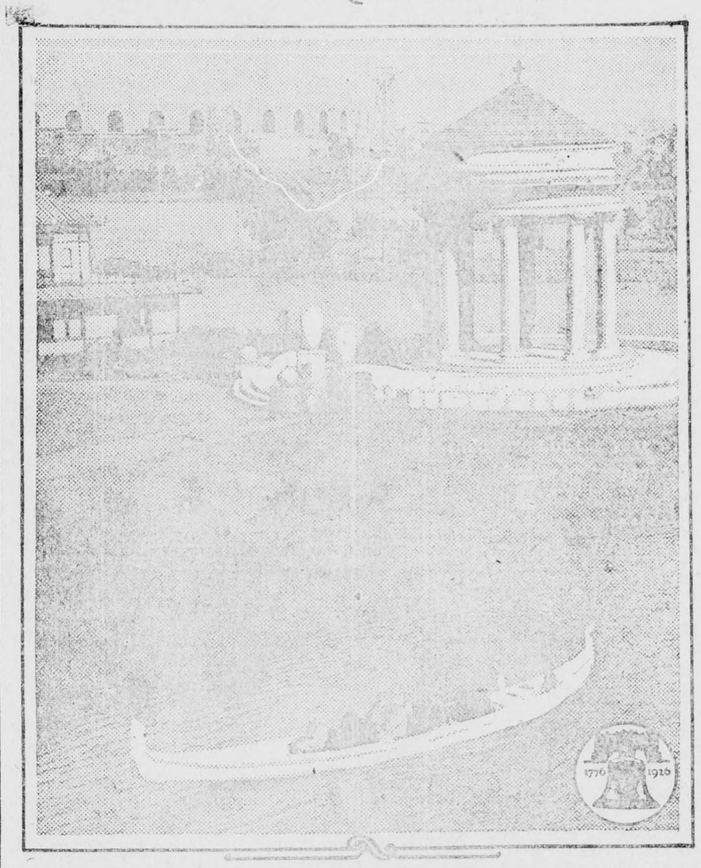
## ON THE SESQUI LAGOONS




Here are Americans, visitors to the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition in Philadelphia which celebrates the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, riding about the lagoons in an Italian craft, a gondola, from which they view the buildings and displays from many lands. In the distance can be seen the mammoth Sesqui Stadium; to the right is the signal tower of the United States Coast Guard building and exhibit, and to the left is one of the Japanese pagodas which dot the exposition grounds. The Grecian pavilion is one of the permanent structures on the site before the city government decided to build the Sesqui at the front door of the great Philadelphia Navy Yard. The Exposition continues until December 1.

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Board of Directors meets every Monday evening, Laurel Court.
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Miss Emma Noel, Secretary.

Menlo Park Troop No. 107, Boy Scouts of America—
Meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30 in Kuck's Hotel.
.. E. Harris, Scoutmaster.
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## Meant to Be Useful

There are a number of things that this pretty lady can do besides merely being pretty, and therefore she presents herself as a pleasing Christmas gift for other dainty ladies. A little doll torso, mounted on a wire frame, is dressed up in panniered skirt and surplice bodice, like a colonial belle. Her dress may be of crisp silk or of fine crepe paper and she wears a cluster of little flowers on her corsage, and a band of ribbon about her hair. Sometimes she shades an electric light, and sometimes conceals a telephone, or she may cover a bottle of toilet water.


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"THIS man says we are here for the night, and no way out of it. We're twenty-five miles from John's, too. Repairs will have to be brought four miles from Coaltown. Those huts down the hill belong to the Loneridge coal mines. The miners will have guests tonight," Mr. Long announced as he drew some tools from his automobile. The mine mechanic who had been procured when Mr. Long had walked to one of the shanties down the long winding hill when his car had refused to go, smiled and informed Mr. and Mrs. Long that he would find a place for them to stay for the night.

It was the afternoon before Christmas, when they were on their way to Mrs. Long's brother John's country home, where the Long children had gone the day before with Mrs. Long's sister's family, to be present at the family Christmas Eve festivities, with a large tree by the fireplace for the families of five brothers and sisters with parents of both Mr. and Mrs. Long. In the car were gifts not only for the Long children but for most of the other relatives. After telephoning from the mine-foreman's office to John's family that they must spend the night at Loneridge, the packages were carried to one of the

better looking huts of the foreign-speaking folks who received them hospitably. During the evening, while the hostess was preparing the meal, the woman by means of signs and unintelligible English made Mrs. Long understand that there was little Christmas festivity in the mining town.

"This woman has shown me courtesy and kindness; here is an opportunity to prove some Christmas courage and character," Mrs. Long whispered to her husband as plans began percolating through her mind. Soon the children were helping decorate the small tree which Mrs. Long had brought from her husband's store for younger members of the relatives' families, as well as her own children. Mrs. Schalska popped corn, Christmas-tree trimmings, oranges, nuts, candy and candles were produced from among the packages in the car, and a hurried trip to a small store enlarged the stock of goodies. The children, taking turns in carrying the tree, with Mr. and Mrs. Schalska, Mr. and Mrs. Long started out. Every house with boys and girls, aged or sick ones, was visited. The tree was placed on a table or chair, candles lighted for a moment while some goodies were distributed.

After a visit to each place, the family was invited to accompany this Christmas Cheer company while carols were sung outside and inside until everyone was so happy that some shouted while others cried for joy. One dear woman after listening to the story of the significance of the Yuletide season which some had made Mr. Long understand they wished to learn, drying her eyes on the corner of a faded apron, called Mrs. Long an "H-angel." The glad notes of the Christmas caroling soon reached the farther ends of Loneridge, whose inhabitants joined in a community Christmas as they made their way to the large engine house where the tree was placed in the center while they sang patriotic songs. Then, while

sacred quietness reigned, Mrs. Long repeated the Christmas story, after which Mr. Long led softly in singing, "All is calm, all is bright," when some one touched Mrs. Long on the sleeve. It was her brother, John, who was waiting in his big car to take them to his home. After their own festivities he had slipped away to bring the stranded travelers as a surprise next morning to all but his wife. As Mrs. Long arranged the packages around the small tree on the table, possibly there were visions of happy faces of Loneridge boys and girls with their note discordant in tone but full of love-harmony while they sang, "All is bright." Perhaps she wondered at the "peace that passed understanding" which she had that Christmas. She may have understood that the Loneridge Christmas Eve would be one of the happiest memories of her life because wherever and whenever the message "Inasmuch" is lived out, there will be "Peace and Good Will Among Men."

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### *A Christmas Carol*

A bright and blessed Christmas Day,
With echoes of the angels' song,
And peace that cannot pass away,
And holy gladness calm and strong,
And sweet heart-carols flowing free:
This is my Christmas wish to thee!
—Havergal.

## CARDINALS FACE ALABAMA ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

By Don Liebendorfer

Four thousand, seven hundred and thirty-five pounds of beef was shipped to Pasadena from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on December 21, by Pullman car. This cargo, in excess of two tons, represents the University of Alabama footbaall team which is to vie with the Stanford Cardinals in the Rose Bowl for National honors on New Year's day.

The twenty-seven members of the Crimson Tide squad average a little more than 175 pounds. The ten backfield men who will be included in the roster total 1601 pounds, and average 160 pounds per man. The seventeen forwards would shove the scales up to 3134 pounds—an average of a little more than 184. The heaviest man on the squad is Clarke Pearce, a guard, who weighs in at 205 in the shade when there is any at Tuscaloosa. The lightest is Harry Holder, substitute quarterback, who can't budge the beam if it is set at 143.

The news that Alabama will outweigh Stanford in the line will come as a distinct surprise to many as the Tide is popularly supposed to be a light team. Coach Wade's regular forward wall will average 188 pounds per man as against 181 for "Pop" Warner's linemen. This advantage is made up in the backfield, however, by eleven pound edge for the Cardinals. The Stanford quartet of Lewis or Post, Hyland, Bogue and Hoffman averages in the neighborhood of 177 pounds per man while the Alabamans average 166. The team averages will be the same within a fraction of a pound.

Those big Bama forwards are going to be hard to push out of the way. The Washington line had no end of trouble with them last year and "Tiny" Thornhill's well trained proteges will have their hands full on New Year's Day. The Southerners are well versed in the fundamentals of the game. In experience, however, the redshirt linemen will have an edge for both Alabama guards are sophomores.


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## PALO ALTO MURDERESS IS IS GIVEN YULETIDE PAROLE

One of the five San Quentin convicts to gain a Christmas release, was Mrs. Mary Vuyacich formerly of Palo Alto and convicted of manslaughter in 1921 for the murder of her husband, who was released last Saturday, after serving five years of a possible ten sentence. In opening the prison doors to Mrs. Vuyacich, the state board of prison directors ignored he recommendation of Superior Judge J. R. Welch that she be confined for te maximum of her term.

The killing of Steve Vuyacich, a Stanford University gardener, was called "henious" and created a sensation when Mrs. Vuyacich and her lover, Nicholas Jaramoas, were arrested for the crime. Vuyacich's throat was cut by Jaramoas after Mrs. Vuyacich had bound her husband with a rope. Her lover had entered the house disguised as a burglar, and was aided by Mrs. Vuyacich in carying out the murder. Jaramoas is now serving a life sentence in San Quentin for thel crime.

Mrs. Bell Ewing, of Newman, California, mother of Mrs. W. L. Bone, is spending the holidays at the home of Mrs. Bone. C. M. Ewing, of the same place, is expected on Christmas day

A large sign has been painted and erected on Ravenswood avenue and the highway pointing the way to the new Dumbarton Bridge.


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## STATE AUTOMOBILE ASSN. PRODUCES SAFETY FIRST FILM

Production of a national safety first motion pitcure, filmed by the California State Automobile Association in co-operation with International News reel, was announced this week by D. E. Watkins, secretary and general manager of the Association. The pictuure was filmed in the San Francisco bay region and along Northern California roads and in its production ten automobiles were wrecked.

The picture is being shown in San Francisco this week and portrays by graphic lessons to motorists and pedestrians the principles of safety first in operation of automobiles and conduct on the streets.

The safety film will be shown in thousands of theaters in every state of the Union through the medium of International Newsreel releases. It is based on a scenario written and directed by the Public Safety Department of the Automobile Association.

Several weeks were spent in working out details of the film which includes spectacular accidents as safety lessons in situations to be avoided. Two automobiles were wrecked on the suummit of Twin Peaks road in San Francisco as part of the filming, one being crashed over the bank in a night scene to illustrate the danger resulting from a "one-eyed" car—an automobile with but one headlight.

The right and wrong ways to handle a car are clearly demonstrated in the film which takes up driving on mountain grades and rural highways as well as in city traffic.

"There are plenty of thrills for the spectator in the safety first film," Watkins said, "for ten automobiles were wrecked before the film was completed. The film shows how these accidents could have been avoided by proper observance of the law or the rules of public safety."

## UNIVERSITY MEN AID IN SAVING CYPRESS

Prominent among the men working to save the Point Lobos grove of cypress for the people of the state are many University of California alumni and faculty members. Duncan MacDuffie, a graduate of the state institution, heads the conservation committee, and Dr. Willis Jepson, professor of botany, has just been elected to the position of councilor to the organization, which is scheduled to meet within the week to outline a program.

The Monterey grove of cypress is the only one of its kind left, according to the botanist. The other grove, which is also on the Monterey coast, has been divided recently into building lots, and the Point Lobos grove faces the same fate.

Not only is the grove unique, says Professor Jepson, but each tree is individual and picturesque. Dashed by the salt spray of the ocean, and whipped by the winds of the headlands these trees have developed a singularity of appearance not found in any others in the world; by comparison to the famed Cedars of Lebanon, Dr. Jepson says, the Monterey cypress are their superior in beauty.

To the botanist the trees are of scientific interest, he reports, because they are the only specimens in the world, and are a notable example of the effects of environment.

## NAVAL EXAMINATIONS TO BE HELD IN CALIFORNIA

Congressman A. M. Free of this District has given out notice that he has requested the United States Civil Service Commission to conduct examinations at San Jose and Santa Barbara, California, for applicants for appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. These examinations will be held at the places mentioned at the Post Office Building on January 8, 1927, at 9 o'clock a. m. Any boy, a resident of the Eighth Congressional District, between the ages of sixteen and twenty years can take this examination and thus become eligible for appointment to the Academy.

Any boy desiring to take this examination should notify Congressman Free at Room 329, House Office Building, Washington, D. C .

## NEW BRIDGE TO REPLACE OLD WOODEN SPAN SHORTLY

As a result of the action taken by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors at its meeting last Monday in San Jose, the negotiations between Stanford University, San Mateo county and Santa Clara county will make possible the erection of a new bridge across San Francisquito creek on Mayfield avenue, back of Stanford campus to replace the dilapidated wooden structure that has served throughout the years.

Mrs. Daniel Driscoll is building a fine new house on Oak Grove avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Frier have gone to Los Angeles. It is eported that they will be gone about three months.

## IT WILL SOON BE LICENSE SHOPPING TIME IN CALIFORNIA AUTOLAND

After Christmas shopping comes license buying time for some 1,600,000 California motorists — the renewal registration period from January 3 to January 31, inclusive—and the State Automobile Association uurges that the Yuletide slogan be translated into this motto for motorists: "Shop early for your 1927 license plates."

Assisting the State Division of Motor Vehicles in the tremendous task of verifying records and issuing sets of new plates to 1,6600,000 automobile owners in the short space of 25 business days will be the California State Automobile Association staffs in 25 Association offices throughout Northern and Central California. The Association will handle re-registrations and issuance of license plates for passenger cars to its 70,000 members at its San Francisco headquarters and all of its district branches except the one located in Sacramento, headquarters of the Division of Motor Vehicles.

There will be no waiting in line at Automobile Association offices it was announced this week by George S. Grant, manager of the Association Touring Bureau, who is in charge of this service to members. "Step in, pay youur fee and step right out with your new license plates, is the slogan adopted by the Association.

Owners of commercial vehicles will be assisted by the Association in handling their applications and forwarding them to Sacramento, Grant said. Precedure of re-registration remains unchanged, according to Grant, who set the following main points to be kept in mind:

Registration fee for gasoline passenger cars $3, for electric passenger cars $13, and for commercial vehicles graduated weight tax. Penalty of 100 pe r cent after midnight, January 31. Present your pink certificate of ownership only if your white certificate has been lost or mutilated or if there is a change in legal ownership. Be suure that your address is correctly stated. Any corrections of errors on the certificates, such as engine number, etc., orther than change of address, also require the presentation of pink certificate.

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A car load of lumber and building material has arrived in Menlo Park consigned to M. R. Crane, the contractor who is building the new grammar school in Stanford Park.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT GEN. GRANT NATIONAL PARK

Reading of a personal message from President Coolidge and a Christmas address over the radio by Governor-elect C. C. Young are expected to give a State-wide and even national character to the Christmas morning ceremonies at the giant Sequoia in General Grant National Park, which has been christened "the Nation's Christmas tree."

More than 2,000 years old when Christ was born, the tree stands in a majestic grove of giant Sequoia in the foothills of the Sierra. The ceremony this year is being officially sponsored by the National Park Service through Colonel John R. White, superintendent of Sequoia and General Grant National Parks.

Known officially as the General Grant, but now rechristened as "the Nation's Christmas tree," this Sequoia towers 264 feet into the crisp air of the lower Sierra of central California. It measurues 106 feet around the base and its greatest diameter is 40 feet.

Townspeople and orchardists of the San Joaquin Valley and visitors from the San Francisco Bay region will motor to the base of the tree on Christmas Eve for the celebration which begins at 12 a. m. The radio program, which will be heard by those about the tree, and supplementing these ceremonies, will be broadcast from KGO station in Oakland. By next year wires will be strung to the tree itself and the services there broadcast throughout the country.

Dr. B. M. Rastall, manager of the Californians, Inc., will be chairman of the program and Mayor James Rolph, Jr., of San Francisco will read the President's message. There will be Christmas carols and sacred exercises.

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## CHRISTMAS TREE PARTY IS HUGE SUCCESS

"The biggest and best yet." That was the expression of the hundreds of Yuletide merrymakers who gathered from all parts of the Peninsula for Redwood City's annual Christmas tree party Satuurday night. The huuge and brilliantly lighted Christmas tree that had been erected, was of course the center of attraction among the 1500 little boys and girls, who came early to see Santa Claus arrive and to receive their gifts of candies and fruits.

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Mrs. J. E. Harris of San Jose was a local visitor last Sunday afternoon.

## SANTA CLAUS TO BOARD SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRAINS

Chiildren traveling on Southern Pacific trains Christmas will have their holiday festivities although away fom home.

In announcing this this week, F. S. McGinnis, passenger traffic manager for the railroad, stated that plans are now under way to place gayly decorated Christmas trees aboard all its limited trains. Boxes of candy will be distributed to the child passengers.

Silver tipped fir trees from the highest peaks of the Sierra Nevada mountains will be used for the occasion. They will be decorated by Southern Pacific employes.

The trees will be placed in the observation cars of each train under the direction of Allan Pollok, superintendent of dining car service. Dining car stewards playing the role of jovial old Santa Claus will distribute the candy to the children.

"If the youngsters have to be away from home on Christmas Day," said McGinnis, "we want them to realize that Santa Claus can climb through a Pullman car ventilator just as easily as down a chimney."

The spirit of the day will also be carried out in the railroad's dining cars which will be appropriately decorated in holiday colors.

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## MENLO TIGERS LOSE A BIG FOOTBALL GAME

Redwood City won the annual foot ball game against Menlo Park Sunday, but the victory was a costly one, as Stanley Mitchell, star half back on the Redwood team was severely injured and will most likely be laid up for many months.

The score of the game 27 to 0, in favor of Redwood.

The Menlo Tigers lineup was as follows:

Carter, f; J. Morey, H; W. Morey, H; Dunphy, q; Feeley, e; Walsh, t; Morton, c; H. Morey c,; Flynn, g; Clothier, t; Farrel, e.

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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday serivces:

10:00 a. m. Sunday school.

11:00 a. m. Morning worship, sermon subject, "The One Called Wonderful."

6:30 p. m. Senior C. E.

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## NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD MOTORISTS TO DRIVE SAFELY

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"With a shorter daylight period, lights are in increasing service. Glaring and inefficient headlights are the cause of an astonishing percentage of serious accidents. It is flatly up to each motor vehicle operator to see that his own lights are in proper adjustment. An extra globe or two carried in the car will provide for an emergency. The "one-eyed" vehicle is one of the worst menaces on the road.

"Brakes, obviously, are another tremendous factor in safe driving in the rainy season; more so than at any other time of the year. Unequalized brakes which may be servicable on dry pavement are in some ways worse than inadequate brakes at this time. Motorists should have brakes inspected more frequently now than at any other time of the year.

"See that your set of tire chains is in good condition and when in doubt use them.

"This is the time of year to protect your coil and distributor from moisture by wrapping in oiled silk or a piece of old inner tube. This may save you delay on a rainy night.

"Keep your windshield clear so that you can see the other fellow.

"Signal carefully and clearly. Better a wet arm than an injured one.

"It seems hardly necessary to caution against high speed. It is the season when 'better be safe than sorry' applies with greatest force."

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The Church School, 9:30 a. m.
Morning prayer and sermon 10:30 a. m.

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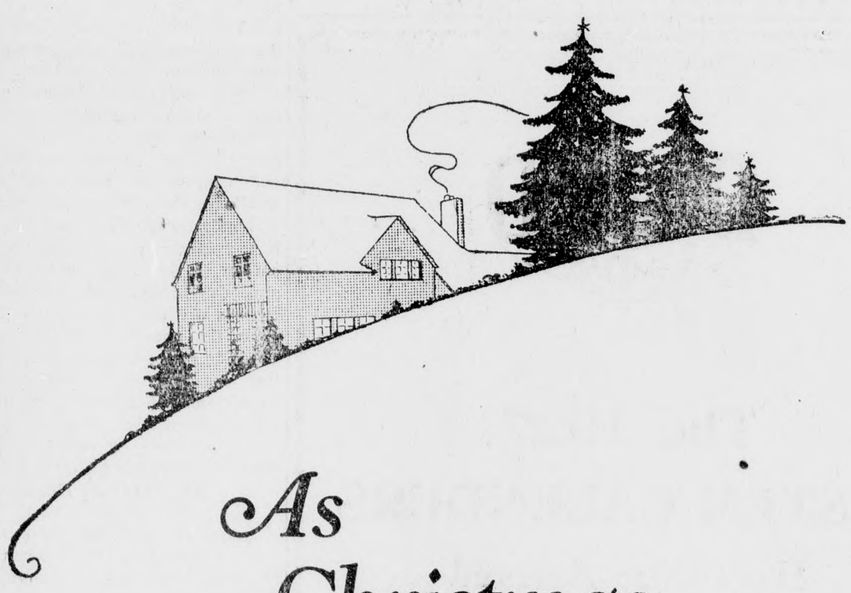

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